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DISTANCE EDUCATION CONNECTION

**Mid-Term Edition
October 2018**

As we approach the mid-point of the semester, it's time to touch base to make sure you have the tools needed to successfully complete your semester.

Online Education Profile:



Dena Callicoat Laton

Manager of Online Learning Programs, Independent Proctoring and Copyright Education, is the first point of contact for online students and is devoted to the success of our online students.

Contact Dena:

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Librarian Profile:

Sarah Mollette

Sarah is a new librarian at Drinko Library, specializing in outreach and distance education.



Having attended the University of North Texas entirely online to receive a Master's in Library and Information Science, she knows how difficult it is to be a distance learner. To help Marshall's students taking online classes, she

created a [Help Guide](#) filled with useful tips, information, and resources. Sarah is also the liaison for any students taking classes in the following departments: Geography, Health Informatics, Journalism & Mass Communication and Political Science.

Contact Sarah:

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Student Service Spotlight:

The Marshall University Writing Center is a free tutoring service staffed with graduate and undergraduate students ready to help you at any stage of the writing process. Tutors can be consulted on any writing assignment from any discipline. Visit www.marshall.edu/writingcenter to learn more or schedule an appointment.

The Marshall University Writing Center also partners with our librarians to offer assistance with the research aspect of writing (including citation methods). If you are struggling to understand how to work with sources or are simply curious about the resources available through our libraries, make a special appointment with a tutor designated as a Research Librarian*.

For information on how to make an appointment, select the [face-to-face](#) appointments or [online & eTutoring appointments](#) tab on marshall.edu/writingcenter.

*Please note that research librarians are only available for library instruction; they are unable to help with questions regarding the writing process.



IMPORTANT ACADEMIC DATES

October 11, Thursday

2nd 8 weeks courses begin

October 26, Friday

Last day to drop a full semester individual course

October 29, Monday

Recommended date to apply for May 2019 graduation

Oct. 29, Monday – Dec. 7, Friday

Complete withdrawals only

Nov. 5, Monday – Nov. 16, Friday

Advance registration for spring semester (open only to currently enrolled students)

November 13, Tuesday

Last day to drop 2nd 8 weeks courses

November 19 – Monday

Advance registration for spring semester (open to admitted and readmitted students)

Nov. 19, Monday – Nov. 24, Saturday

Thanksgiving Break
Classes dismissed

Nov. 22, Thursday – Nov. 23, Friday

Thanksgiving Holiday
University closed

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University Libraries

One John Marshall Drive
Huntington, WV 25755

www.marshall.edu/library

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ACADEMIC CALENDAR

December 7, Friday

Last day to completely withdraw from fall semester

Dec. 8, Saturday – Dec. 14, Friday

Exam days

December 13, Thursday

Approved Thesis/Dissertation submitted to the EDT website
Electronic Thesis and Dissertation form and graduation fee receipt submitted to the Graduate Office

December 15, Saturday

Winter Commencement,
Big Sandy Superstore Arena

Student Resources:

Libraries

www.marshall.edu/library

Drinko Library

Research: 304.696.2334

Circulation: 304.696.2321

Tutoring Services

www.marshall.edu/uc/tutoring-services

Smith Hall Communications Building, Room 211

304.696.6622

Student Resource Center

www.marshall.edu/src

Memorial Student Center, SW16

IT Service Desk

www.marshall.edu/it/departments/it-service-desk

Drinko Library

304.696.3200 in Huntington

304.746.1969 in Charleston



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Examity Identity Verification

If you've already completed the Distance Student Orientation, thank you! If not, please do so at your earliest convenience. We will have a drawing at the end of October from the pool of students who have completed this process.

You are enrolled in Distance Student Orientation, which is completely free but has one required activity to be completed right away to comply with federal law: Identity Verification. The rest of the course is entirely self-paced and not graded. The course is designed to give you an introduction to Marshall University, including where to find assistance and services you may need.

In the Distance Student Orientation course you will find detailed directions for scheduling your brief photo ID session with Examity. This uses Examity's online test-proctoring capability to provide identity verification services. Note that the verification process is referred to as an "exam," and the video goes on to describe taking an exam, but the identity verification process does not involve an actual exam.

Watch the [Introduction to Examity video \(https://youtu.be/98OSTU7117A\)](https://youtu.be/98OSTU7117A) for a quick overview.

You may also want to see the [Identity Verification Quick Guide for Students \(www.examity.com/docs/Blackboard_Student_Quick_Guide.pdf\)](http://www.examity.com/docs/Blackboard_Student_Quick_Guide.pdf) and the [Examity Privacy Policy \(https://examity.com/privacy-2/\)](https://examity.com/privacy-2/).

After completing the identity verification process with Examity, please log in to the Distance Education Student Orientation course again and click "Acknowledge Completion of Identity Verification" to confirm that you finished the identity verification process.

Note:

Examity helps ensure that Marshall University is in compliance with the Higher Education Opportunity Act (HEOA) by providing processes "through which the institution establishes that the student who registers in a distance education or correspondence education course or program is the same student who participates in and completes the course or program and receives the academic credit" (34 CFR 602.17(g)).

Active duty military personnel who may not be permitted to share government issued IDs or utilize webcams in the field must contact the Office of Online Learning (dena.laton@marshall.edu or 304-696-3141) upon receiving an ID request from the system to postpone your ID verification.

Facebook Group:

Join our Facebook group for Distance Education students. This closed group and is opt-in only and is a good way to stay connected to campus and other online students. Search for **Marshall University Distance Education Students** find us on www.facebook.com/marshallu.

RBA students, learn how YOU can participate in WVROCKS!

In an effort to make college more accessible to all West Virginians, the Higher Education Policy Commission (HEPC), with assistance from WVNET, developed a web portal, the [West Virginia Remote Online Collaborative Knowledge System](http://www.marshall.edu/rba/west-virginias-remote-online-collaborative-knowledge-system) (WVROCKS). WVROCKS is designed to be a collaborative effort between all West Virginia higher education institutions who offer the Regents Bachelor of Arts and Board of Governors degree. The majority of the courses are 100% online. A handful of courses blend both limited face-to-face meetings with asynchronous (online) activities. All courses are offered in an eight-week time frame. With five starts dates a year, it is possible for students taking classes on the portal to complete fifteen hours of course credit per year by taking one course at a time. RBA students at Marshall can enroll in WVROCKS courses by contacting the RBA Office or visiting <https://www.marshall.edu/rba/west-virginias-remote-online-collaborative-knowledge-system-wvrocks/>



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Legend has it that the Liberty Bell was cracked when it was tolled for the 1835 funeral of John Marshall.

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